

IPWEA Emergency Management Workshop

Post Conference, Friday 11th September

As an adjunct to the International Public Works Conference, a special forum will be held on emergency management. The forum is open to non conference delegates.



This half day workshop will present the lessons learnt from the recent catastrophic natural disasters in Australia, in particular the Victorian bushfire event of February 2009. The workshop will provide an overview of the involvement required of local government, state government and other support agencies. It will highlight the demands that were faced and show the approaches needed to be better prepared for more extreme weather events in the future.

Workshop Speakers

Andrew Gissing, Director of Emergency Management and Communication from Victoria State Emergency Service

Andrew will speak on the involvement of VicSES in emergency situations and the coordination that occurs with other responding agencies.

Grant Jack, Manager Asset Management Services from Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Grant is the Municipal Emergency Response Officer at Yarra Ranges and will provide an insight into the response and recovery activities provided by his municipality during the Victorian February 2009 bushfire and the learning's experienced during this time.

Dawn Hartog, Community Development Coordinator, Community Safety with the Victorian Country Fire Authority

Dawn will provide an overview of the community education initiatives implemented by the CFA in addition to an insight of her



Photo taken from the roof at Doncaster shopping centre on Black Saturday.

personal experience as a resident of Kinglake which was significantly affected by the Victorian February 2009 bushfire.

Lance King, Local Government Liaison Officer Emergency Management from the Municipal Association Victoria

Lance will describe the current initiatives of the MAV to assist Victorian local

government in preparing for future emergency events.

The workshop will be concluded with an interactive discussion between the panel of presenters and workshop participants where discussion can occur on the current status of community recovery, rebuilding efforts in the fire affected areas, outcomes of the interim findings of the Royal Commission into the Victorian bushfire and how local government can be better prepared for future emergency events.



Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel
1-5 Spencer St
Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm
Cost: \$110 incl GST

To register contact the Conference Organiser, All Occasions Management, on +61 8 8125 2200 or ipwea@aomevents.com